



## **Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Group**

### **Joint Statement of the Minsk Group Co-Chairs**

Geneva, March 14, 2007

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Vartan OSKANIAN, and Azerbaijan, Elmar MAMMADYAROV, met in Geneva on March 14 under the aegis of the three Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group – Ambassador Yuriy MERZLYAKOV (Russia), Ambassador Bernard FASSIER (France), and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Matthew BRYZA (USA) – and in the presence of the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman in Office, Ambassador Andrzej KASPRZYK.

The two ministers had a frank and constructive discussion about items raised by the parties since the meeting of Presidents Aliyev and Kocharian in Minsk on November 29, 2006. The ministers provided each other a better understanding of their respective concerns that will allow the parties to pursue discussions on the basic principles for a future settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, as proposed by the Co-Chairs, which remain the core of the negotiations. In that respect, the two foreign ministers agreed to meet again in April 2007 and possibly later in May to prepare grounds for a future presidential summit.

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Co-Chair of the Russian  
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Ambassador Bernard Fassier  
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Matthew Bryza  
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